Guide to the Richard H. Moody diary and photographs M2127

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Language of Material: English
Contributing Institution: Department of Special Collections and University Archives
Title: Richard H. Moody diary and photographs
source: Van Saun, Matthew
creator: Moody, Richard H.
Identifier/Call Number: M2127
Physical Description: 0.5 Linear Feet1 msb
Date (inclusive): c. 1901-1911
Physical Description: Glass plate negative is cracked
Content Description
Materials consist of a diary written by Richard H. Moody between 1901-1902 and revised in 1903, as well as photographs (both prints and negatives). The diary contains 200 sheets; major highlights include transporting gold bullion down river, descriptions of natives, politics, a mining accident, the daily life in a remote mining camp at this the extreme location, a cholera outbreak, and mentions of several crew members losing their sanity. He also describes Colombian child soldiers, rebel attacks on government troops, and more.

General
41 photographs were on nitrate negatives, some with prints. All of these have a digital copy.

Biographical / Historical
Richard H. Moody worked as a engineer at the Darien Gold Mine in Cana, Darien Province, Panama, near the border with Colombia. The mine was operated by the Darien Gold Mining Company and stayed in operation until 1927, producing about 4 tons of gold.

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Purchase; 2015. Accession MSS 2016-111.

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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Van Saun, Matthew
Moody, Richard H.

box 1, folder 1  Richard H. Moody - a revised copy of the diary he kept of his journey to the Darien Gold Mine, Cana, South America, and his return home to England, April 4, 1901 - October 1, 1903
box 1, folder 1  Richard H. Moody - a journal of various incidents, sights, travels and voyages, 1904-1911 [follows entry of his return home to England] (continued in another book which is missing)
box 1, folder 2-4  Photographs accompanying diary, many annotated, including Cana mine, Saw Mill, Buena Vista and St. Thomas Island
box 1, folder 5  Photographs
box 1, folder 6  Cabinet cards and mounted photographs
box 1, folder 7  Postcards
box 1, folder 8  Broken glass negative, fragile
box 1, folder 9  Prints from nitrate negatives [see digital]